

**Indiana Volkssport Association**  
**May 2, 2015**  
**Smelly Gourmet Restaurant, Metamora, IN**  
**1:30PM**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Terry at 1:30PM. He welcomed everyone. The roll call was taken by Secretary Cheryl Elser. In attendance:

Cliff Terry	INVA President
Cheryl Elser	INVA Secretary
Bob Buzolich	INVA Treasurer
Linda Neu	Mid-America Regional Director
Liz Winsley	3 Rivers Strollers
Clarence Wright	Indy "G" Walkers
Stan Neu	River City Ramblers
Charles Frisinger	Hoosier Hikers
Bill Thorne	Goodtime Trailblazers
Jim Mount	Bedford Hiking Club
Cheryl Elser	Auburn Duesey Walkers
Denny Fritz	Whitewater Valley Walkers

Carolyn Armacost  
Rowena Mount

2. Minutes from the December meeting were approved as printed.
3. The Treasurer's report was given by Bob Buzolich and approved, subject to audit. Balance is \$8,146.23. All filings are up to date.
4. After Action reports
  - Don Vartanian Memorial Walk - March 15, 94 participants, 92 paid, profit \$126.04
  - Tippecanoe River St. Park - March 28, 48 participants, 45 paid, profit \$80.59
5. Shakamak St. Park walk is Saturday, May 9. The first check point

will be at the Youth Tent Area and will be manned by Terry and Cheryl Elser. The second check point will be at the West Shelter and will be manned by Stan and Linda Neu. Additional help is needed and Cliff will be sending out an e-mail to ask for help and remind helpers to send a list of names to Cliff for free admission to the park.

6. AVA Convention delegates and proxies - Cliff reminded clubs that Form 500 (available from AVA online) is due to the AVA office by May 15. Denny Fritz said that he did not receive one in the mail. There will be no silent auction basket from INVA at the convention.
7. Donations to INVA - Don Vartanian:  
There was \$1600 donated for the Don Vartanian Memorial. A motion was passed to sell the 2016 DNR Header for \$8 and have a picture of Don Vartanian on the header.  
Another idea was explore the possibility of a Don Vartanian Memorial Walk in Augusta, Michigan, where Don is buried in Fort Custer National Cemetery.  
Cheryl Elser will make copies of Don's memorial brochure to be available at INVA walks and Linda Neu will make up a poster of Don to be displayed at the walks.
8. Auburn Duesey Walkers/3 Rivers Strollers Merger - the Auburn Duesey Walkers club is to dissolve. The procedure for this is to have the presidents of both clubs write a letter to AVA Headquarters outlining their desire to disband/assume assets and walks, both traditional walks already sanctioned, and year round walks by Auburn Duesey Walkers. The date for this should be after the AVA convention and before July 1, 2015. Cliff Terry re-emphasized the importance of maintaining State organizations.
9. AVA Convention Agenda
  - A. Bylaws Amendments - listed in current AVA Checkpoint
  - B. IVV Americas - Ballots will be sent out to clubs on May 5.
  - C. Officer Elections - Candidates are listed in current AVA Checkpoint. An endorsement for Dennis Michele was given by Linda Neu.

There was a discussion of the financial situation of the AVA, and the need for all Indiana club members to be Associate or Lifetime

members of AVA. Also needed are more donations at the walks to cover the possibility of the AVA assessing fees for free walkers. There was additional discussion of free walkers, and how they need to be allowed in State parks and some City Parks. It was also thought to be a good idea to send a letter to those who purchase New Walker Packets to welcome them and explain what their money buys them and what it does not.

10. INVA Officer nominations - Clarence Wright will be nomination chairman and will send a letter to all club presidents to solicit names. The date to return names was set for June 30. Names were taken from the floor and they were: President - Cheryl Elser, Vice-President - Cliff Terry, Secretary - Liz Winsley, Treasurer - Bob Buzolich
11. Meetup update - There are 3 Meetup sites in IN - Evansville area, Indianapolis area and Fort Wayne area. The Indianapolis area has a very good turnout for meetups. Denny Fritz has his own meetup group based in the Cincinnati area.
12. Other Business - This year's Mid-America Conference will be in Columbus, OH on Friday Oct. 30 - Sunday, Nov. 1, with a Ghost Walk available in Worthington, OH on Thursday, Oct. 29. There will be a Meet and Greet on Friday, and a Dinner with an historical speaker on Saturday. There is a planning meeting on May 15 and a brochure planned by the end of May.  
Clarence Wright brought up the fact that the 2016 Mid-America Conference will be in Indianapolis and is asking for logo ideas for a medal that incorporates the 200 year of Indiana statehood theme. There will be bars to attach to the medal for Walk, Bike, and Swim.
13. The next INVA meeting was set for Saturday, August 22, at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park at 1:30PM.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM

#### Notes and Reminders:

- A. Sanction events - 90 days in advance
- B. Brochures - 70 days in advance
- C. Instructions and maps are required for YRE's

- D. Keep start boxes stocked with instructions, maps, and envelopes.
- E. Keep in mind deadlines for e-postcard filings, officer updates, and financial reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Elser, secretary